

The Painswick Beacon

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Painswick welcomes a Malaysian Princess

On Sunday, 24th May, Painswick became the venue for a pop video featuring Tunku Annuar Badlishah and Tohpuan Noor, a very most popular Malaysian husband and wife vocal duo to promote their charity single, "Humkochurakele Chal" (which means "I wish I could" in Hindi). The song is being released to raise funds for victims of the Tsunami and other natural tropical storm-related disasters.

Apart from singing, Tunku Annuar Badlishah also happens to be Sultan of the State of Kedah in Malaysia and patron of the Malaysian Natural Disasters Fund.

Director of the video, Shruti Vohra, explained that the song is a deeply romantically, wistful ballad about a girl dreaming that she was a princess transported into an idyllic English setting. "And so we came to Painswick, the Queen of the Cotswolds, on this beautiful sunny day!"



Annual Parish Meeting

Terry Parker, Chairman of Painswick Parish Council, looking resplendent in the chain of office, presented the Annual Parish Report - for the tenth year running! - to a well-attended meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday the 27th May.

He started by thanking the Beacon for its attendance at, and reporting of, every Parish Council monthly meeting for the past 31 years and then continued with a summary of the main points of the Annual Report, which can be found in full on the centre pages of this month's Beacon.

Our local MP, David Drew, followed by County Councillor Joan Nash, and District Councillors Barbara Tait and Frances Roden then all made short presentations on current matters of interest and concern. The meeting was then thrown open to the public. There were questions on imposing a 20 mph speed limit in Painswick, the absence of registered and out of hours child care and the creation of car parking at the north end of the village.

The meeting closed with the chairman thanking Parish Council staff for their hard work for the community.



Farewell Pam...

Ashwell House Residents would like to say a fond farewell to Pam Bailey, who after 23 years of unstinting commitment and service to the Ashwell Day Centre has decided to take a well earned rest. Residents who have attended the day centre over the past years have enjoyed fun, food and fellowship organized so capably by Pam. A huge 'thank you' to Pam for

all the time she has given and we hope she can now spend time, weather permitting, enjoying her garden. She will be greatly missed.

Michelle Elliott, Ashwell House

On other pages this month - a lot of allotments, signs of Adam & Eve, Players' confusions, dozing cats, showy dogs and flying bears, cider with Rosie at 50, arty Painswickians, a load of Beacon rubbish and a BIG weekend for Painswick...



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Edge Barn – Jenkins Lane

The Committee decided to continue to make representations that this listed barn, the structure of which is deteriorating and causing concern, be preserved since it contains much of heritage interest. The Council will take the matter up with English Heritage, in addition to the District Council.

Dry stone walls

Members reiterated their concern that while piercing property and field perimeter walls receives consideration by planners within Conservation Areas, this is not so elsewhere in the countryside. Where such walls are lost due to intentional acts of owners, or neglect, the character and heritage value is also diminished. Representations to English Heritage will be made with the objective of bringing about retention and preservation.

Street-side advertising

It was reported that a permanent highway sign at the top of Bisley Street pointing to the existence of shops has been requested of the County Council.

However, Members expressed continuing concern that assorted and frequently unattractive signs were proliferating, not least at the top of Bisley Street and Victoria Square, and these were not enhancing the village. Jason Bullingham reported the intention of traders to remove these signs when permanent signage has been erected. Ann Daniels suggested that traders were looking to the Parish Council for guidance as to extent, style and design of all permitted street-side signs.

Planning applications – processing

The Committee decided to temporarily discontinue the ‘brown envelope’ system of circulating plans among Painswick councillors, a process by which individuals add their comments upon plans referred from the District Council and pass onwards to colleagues to add their own recommendations or observations; an arrangement in which no debate takes place upon the views expressed by the first recipient of the envelope, nor the first recipient become aware of the views of the last to comment prior to the Chairman summarising and forwards an opinion to the District Council.

With immediate effect the Planning Committee will meet at fortnightly intervals to prepare views collectively, and have afternoon site meetings in most cases.

PARISH COUNCIL

Allotments

A strong contingent of Gyde House and other residents, and prospective allotment holders, attended to take full advantage of the customary 15 minutes set aside for the public to raise questions before formal business commences; full report on page 3.

Painswick Gateway – representation

At the invitation of the Chairman, Edward Young – Chairman of the Gateway Trustees – addressed the meeting. He reported that he and his fellow trustees were under strong pressure from the County Council to enter into the 12-week conditional contract period with them and anticipated that such may be agreed within the following week. He reported changes in the membership of the Trustees and that whilst the Parish Council was welcome to take up the opportunity to make an appointment to replace Ann Burges Watson this was not a requirement within their constitution; he would however welcome the opportunity to report to the Council in person when appropriate and request a councillor represent the Council if a matter arose for which such may be desirable.

Mr Young also drew attention to the status of the £1000 loan made by the Council, it being due for repayment in June, and requested that it be rolled forward to 2010.

Annual Meeting of the Council

A strong feeling of déjà vu prevailed as the Chairmanships and membership of committees received attention, with just about everyone being reappointed to serve to May 2010.

Committees and chairmanships were resolved, with only two changes*, as follows:

Parish Council Chairman: Terry Parker
Vice Chairman: Martin Slinger

Finance and General Purposes: Martin Slinger

Footpath: Terry Parker*

Planning: David Hudson;

Vice Chairman Jason Bullingham*

Plantation: Ann Daniels

Traffic: Ann Burges Watson

Land and Buildings: Martin Slinger

Resignation - vacancy

The Council received the resignation of Norrie Curtis, a co-representative of Slad Ward, whose career was taking him to Scotland, and expressed its appreciation of his service to the community. The Clerk reminded the Council that due notice would be published to ascertain whether an election was required and, if not, the Council would consider co-opting a replacement at its meeting in July.

Painswick Gateway – representation

The Chairman reminded Members of the option as to whether to appoint a trustee to the Painswick Gateway Board and the offer made by Edward Young to report directly to the Council when necessary and invite representation if a matter arises where such could be helpful, and agreed this being an ideal arrangement mirroring that for Painswick Centre.

Classic commercial vehicle rally

The Council considered a request from a club based in Wotton-under-Edge which was planning a road run of classic and historic commercial vehicles to run in the Severn Valley and Cotswolds on Sunday 5th July. Police and highway permission had been granted conditional upon the support of this council for them to pass through the village. The introduction of the lorry management zone, which includes the A46 had given rise to the formal request.

It was noted that about 50 vehicles may take part, some examples pictured here, and that while they would start from Sharpness about 10.00am they were likely, because of limited speed, to separate fairly quickly and few would be in convoy. They were likely to pass through the village between midday and 3.00pm unladen, and with only two over 7500kg because of their bodywork.



The Council approved this unique event, recognising that it also had tourism potential.

Road signs – competition

Maurice Maggs was invited to report upon the competition promoted by Painswick and District Conservation Society for designs to replace the signs at the three main entry points to the village. He indicated that the wording intended was to be optional in each design as to whether to include ‘Queen of the Cotswolds’, and that the final choice of design would be made by the Council.

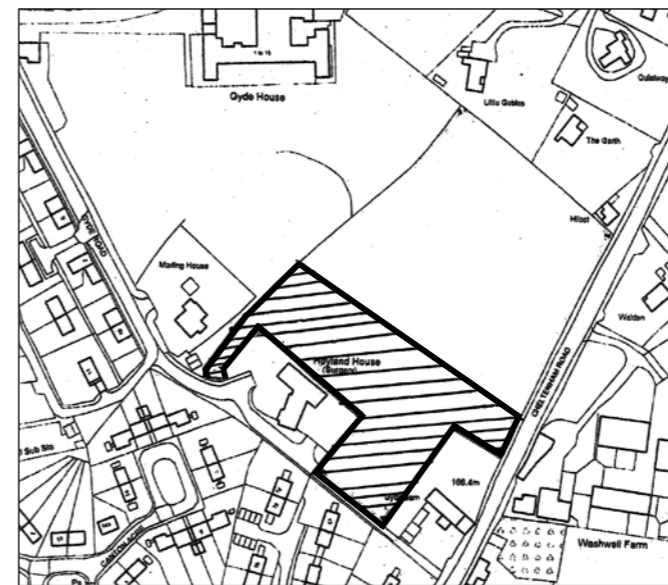
Painswick Summer Arts and Crafts Festival

The Council received a proposal from Jackie Herbert, in her capacity as Chairman of Painswick Centre, that local businesses and providers of accommodation would benefit from a measure of integrated but widespread publicity of the various exhibitions and events which take place in August. She drew attention to the Guild Exhibition, private exhibitions already booked at the Centre and the Town Hall, and the prospect of some in the library premises, and suggested that some coordinated publicity in and well beyond the village would be beneficial under this PSACF ‘umbrella’. Mrs Herbert had estimated the cost of at least 2000 leaflets and banners across the roadways in the village and Merrywalks bridge in Stroud, but excluding insurance, at £500 and the Council agreed to grant £500 subject to criteria being met, including public liability insurance relating to the banners.

Gyde Field Allotments

The Council set aside an extended amount of time to listen to the statement prepared by Messrs D Batty, P Rowlands and M Shute, questions raised by residents of Gyde House, doctors at the Hoyland House surgery, and others for and against the location of allotments on the Gyde Field. An exhaustive report was included in the last issue of the Beacon. A photograph showing allotments superimposed upon the whole of that field (which the Beacon declined to reproduce) and used by protestors was withdrawn by them as unrepresentative of the Council’s intentions as contained in its report of a Working Group now published. The concerns of those most averse to the allotments centre around the land being in a Conservation Area, detracting from the view of Gyde House and hence being contrary to the policy endorsed by the Council in 2004, the opinions of the P&D Conservation Society, the Parish Plan, and so on. Many were keen to ascertain the criteria being used by the Council to evaluate this and any alternative sites for allotments.

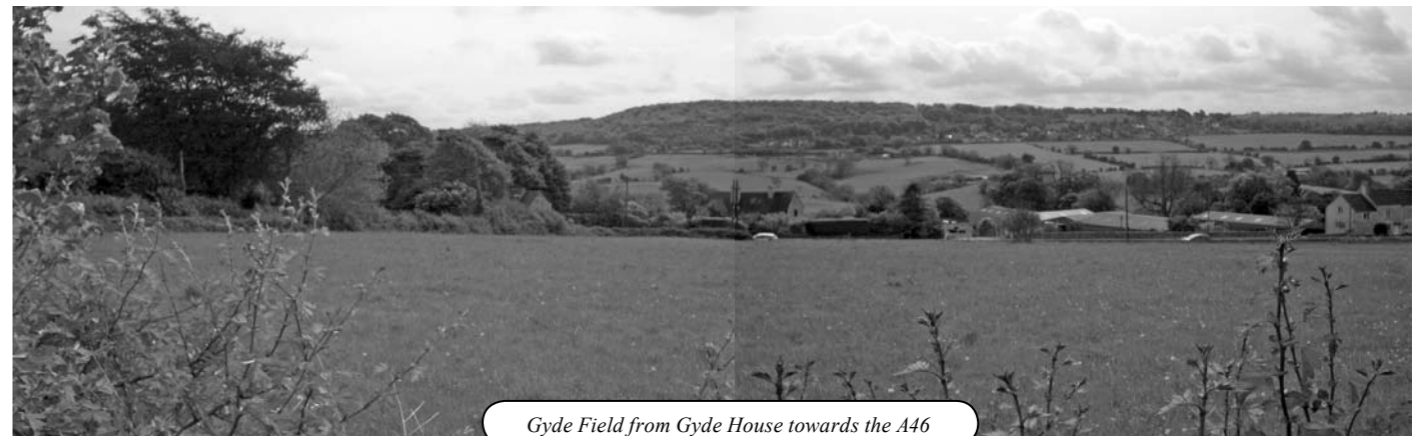
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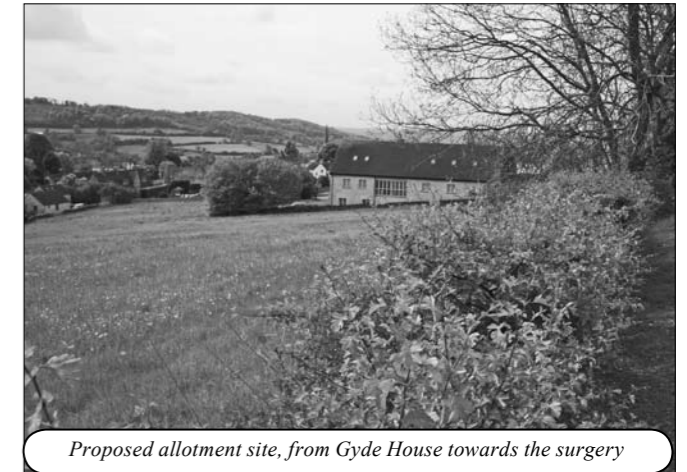
working experience about additional traffic using Gyde Road, the dangers associated with access to the site on a bend and adjacent to the gates of the surgery, parking, toilets and consultations in the summer months at the surgery being with open windows.

Prospective allotment holders regarded this site as ideal in terms of distance from the village centre, but were very willing to consider alternatives elsewhere within walking distance of the village.

Chairman Terry Parker drew attention to the Parish Council having published a report, including all relevant information available to date. He emphasised that while the Council was obliged by law to seek land to meet the expressed wishes of those wanting allotments - all concerned were reminded that they were not obliged to actually acquire that land for the purpose if they regarded such to be unsatisfactory. The 1.5 acres of the 4.2 acre field proposed for 40 x 10 metre square allotments is shown



here (left), along with views of Gyde Field, but the Beacon has again declined to publish superimposed photographs viewing the site from the roadside and from as far away as Longridge. He emphasised that the Council were investigating all land holdings on the actual perimeter of the village and may now proceed to look at possibilities a little further away from the settlement; land found to be unavailable or regarded as unsuitable had been marked on a map available for public scrutiny, but Members agreed that detail of dialogue and identity of land owners be withheld under Data Protection regulations.



Gyde Field from Gyde House towards the A46

Letters

The inclusion of letters in these columns does not imply that the Beacon committee endorse the views expressed, or otherwise.

Traffic proposals...

From Leonard Chittenden, Tibbiwell Gardens

Regarding Gloucestershire Highways proposals for revised traffic management in Painswick in last month's Beacon, if this was meant to be an answer, one might be forgiven for wondering what the question was! Virtually every proposition appears to add no improvement – and more than that – will probably make matters worse.

The Parish Council's inclination to oppose the New Street and St Mary Street proposals is encouraging and I would also urge rejection of the proposal to remove on-road parking spaces in Kemps Lane. These parking spaces are vital to local residents, and as a bonus the parked cars serve to slow down traffic in Kemps Lane.

Parking does restricts the width of the carriageway available to emergency vehicles – however there is a very effective and readily available 'by-pass' through the hotel car park. A ban on parking would merely move parked cars further down Kemps Lane and Tibbiwell Lane where the roads are even narrower. That certainly would inhibit the passage of emergency vehicles.

Wanted: Adam & Eve



garden of the Royal Oak in Painswick, but it's an earlier board that we are hoping to track down, dating from the early 1950s.

The only record we have is a black and white photograph (pictured above left). I am wondering if any of your readers may have a colour photograph – either print or slide – from which I could take copies both for my book and for the Society's archives.

Any help you can give would be very greatly appreciated: please call 01242 820988.

Those allotments...

From David Batty, The Highlands:

A big 'thank you' to the huge number of residents & businesses who agree with the need to protect the Conservation Area of Gyde Field and its image of Painswick.

In addition to the previously mentioned Conservation Area Statement, endorsed by the Parish Council, many residents may also remember the 'Plan for Painswick Parish'. This explains their policy to "prevent the destruction of the inherent character of the area through neglect or indifference" and to "protect the significant views through the Conservation Area".

These are the policies we have seen from the Parish Council for the last decade and we should expect them to act accordingly.

We are supportive of the need for allotments and are active in seeking an alternative location. But we need landowners, within the whole parish, to be more sympathetic in making a 1.5 acre site available. For more information please visit www.protectgydefield.ning.com

From Phil Rowlands, Gyde Barn:

I'm concerned about development of Gyde Field. Ignoring Conservation protection would set a worrying precedent for the whole parish. Gyde Field also currently marks the village settlement boundary. There was a previous attempt at creeping development there which was thankfully quashed.

Why is Gyde Field the only choice we have for allotments? It's not like we live in the middle of a city; Conservation Areas should be the last resort, not the first choice.

There are three legal categories for allotments. As proposed, these would only be classed as "private allotments" which therefore have no legal protection against development and the council have only been offered a maximum of 12 months lease for the land, which offers no security of tenure.

We all know the fate of the last three allotments in Painswick: housing.

From Mrs A Panrucker, The Inn Sign Society, Cheltenham:

I am researching and writing a book on the subject of Gloucestershire pub signs and I'm also a member of the Inn Sign Society.

The sign in which both I and the Society are particularly interested is that of the now-closed Adam & Eve from Paradise. We have slides and photographs of the last two signboards and I'm well aware of the board now residing in the

From Ross Munro, Gloucester Street:

In you May edition I read with interest the report of the Parish Council meeting and the letters concerning the Council's proposal for allotments. Last Sunday I was canvassed to oppose the proposal. Although the canvasser claimed to be pro allotments he did not offer any alternative proposal. As I am now better informed about this issue I support the Parish Council's proposal. Well tended allotments are as pleasing as many gardens and a lot more productive. The provision of this amenity within the village boundary will add vibrancy and cohesion of the community. Finally, I can think of no better use of agricultural land donated for the benefit of the town of Painswick.

From Nora M Regan, Stamages Lane:

Painswick is known as the Queen of the Cotswolds. Some years ago. Stroud District Council put a Conservation Order on Gyde Field because it is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Gyde House is a jewel and the green field surrounding it, its setting.

Frederick Gyde had a deep sense of appreciation for the beauty of this area; the Alms Houses on Gyde road are charming and again enhance their surroundings.

The lower slopes of the Recreation Field could be used for allotments without detracting from the outstanding visual amenities of the village. This field is used in the summer months for various shows; these could take place on Gyde Field near the road.

Most people have sympathy with the idea of allotments, but the thought of twenty or so scarring this beautiful green field at the entrance to the village is a sacrilege. Surely there are other fields that could be used?

From Mike Shute, Gyde Road

Painswick Parish Council represents Edge, Painswick, Sheepscombe and Slad except perhaps when it comes to allotments? The Working Party created by the Painswick Parish Council has co-opted somebody keen on allotments who lives in Painswick. I understand that the Council have only looked for allotment sites in Painswick itself. The only site they have found, to date, is in Painswick. That site is Gyde Field in the Gyde House Conservation Area - obviously in Painswick. They have a legal obligation to search the whole Parish for allotment sites. Let's see if they can find a better site outside of the Conservation Areas - even outside Painswick?

Allotments consultation

The Allotments Working Party report is available at the Town Hall. The consultation period closes on Monday 15th June in time for the 17th June Council meeting. All comments to the Clerk on 812722, email clerkpainswickpc@hotmail.com.

Countywide Housing Needs Survey 2009

As part of a countywide survey your district council will soon carry out an important and confidential housing study within the district. Sample households across the district are being asked to take part in a postal survey that will give the district council up-to-date information about the housing circumstances and aspirations of local people. This information will be used to help them develop their housing and planning policies to best meet these needs in the coming years.

Households will be randomly selected to take part in the survey. It would be very much appreciated if anyone who is selected would spend a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it in the prepaid envelope. Your district council is interested in getting a full range of views from residents including home owners as well as those who rent, whether from a housing association, private landlord or district council. Even if households are not planning to move, the information is important as it will help to give a balanced picture of housing circumstances in the District.

The countywide Housing Needs Survey and parish Housing Needs Survey questionnaires will ask similar questions but they are not identical and perform different functions. The difference between rural parish Housing Needs Surveys and the countywide Housing Needs Survey is that the latter involves sending out a housing questionnaire to 8,000 households chosen at random in each district council (a total of 48,000 questionnaires will be sent to households across the county) whereas with a parish Housing Needs Survey is a questionnaire sent to every household in a parish. The rural parish HNS can provide a greater level of detail on a parish level. The outcomes of a rural Housing Needs Survey can better inform for local housing needs and support the case of a rural exceptions site type of development.

Whilst the countywide HNS will provide information across smaller areas (sub-areas) of the district, it will not provide it in detail on a parish by parish basis. The countywide HNS will provide essential primary data which will help the council develop its housing and planning policies (Housing Strategy, Core Strategy, Local Development Framework, Development Plan Documents etc) to best meet these needs in the coming years.

For more information contact Martin Hutchings, Gloucestershire Rural Community Council's Rural Housing Enabler on 01452 528491 or email martinh@grcc.org.uk



From your Village Agent...

Last month I spent some time being involved in the complicated process of arranging for someone to come home after a long stay in hospital and I'm more than aware of how people often feel very let down when they have "fallen through" the loop that should help them to return home safely and recover with the appropriate support which they require. So what is out there to help?

In addition to the care which social services can provide there is; Age Concern offer a free Hospital Aftercare service which can run up to 6 weeks after you leave hospital. It is for people who don't qualify for help through Social Services. They also offer a cleaning service which has variable charges according to the level of help required. Cleaning and shopping help is also available through Care and Repair who as the name might suggest can help with home repairs no matter how minor or major.

As of the end of April this year, Meals on Wheels have been taken over by the WRVS who are cooking and delivering to over 1000 people a week. I had the privilege of going out the other day with the local Painswick area coordinator and can vouch that they smelt delicious. At £2.50 per day (including dessert) they are exceptional value and there can be some peace of mind that there will be someone calling on you.

Have you ever considered wearing a personal alarm system if you live on your own or are on your own for a lot of the time? There are pendants that hang around the neck, and ones that can be worn as a bracelet. Having personally come across many people who may have had their lives saved, or avoided unnecessary painful complications by being able to press their alarm, I would urge anyone out there who is hesitant to give me a call to talk things over. Recently, a lady local to me who was very reluctant to "give in" to a Care Line, tripped and broke her hip. Fortunately she had changed her mind recently and could call for help on her line.

Beacon by email

We welcome contributions by email (beacon@painswick.net) but please check that we've received them.

If you've not received an acknowledgement in 48 hours, it probably means they're lost in hyperspace: please chase us!

Finally, if your physical or mental health requires you to have some help with personal care (and if you're not getting help but are struggling to wash and dress), you may be entitled to Attendance Allowance. This benefit is not reliant on income and is £47.10 or £70.35 depending on the level of need.

To arrange a home visit to discuss more about this article or any other matter, please give me a call on 07776 245767.

Lou Kemp

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Barbirolli String Quartet

The Barbirolli String Quartet came to St Mary's Church on 2nd May for the final concert of the Painswick Music Society's season. Its four young players gave us a great treat.

We began with Mozart in B flat K589, said to have been written for the King of Prussia who was an enthusiastic amateur cellist. This was a welcome appetiser. The players got a great deal out of what is a classically simple (not the same as easy!) piece. After a conventional first two movements it gets much bigger with plenty of dialogue between the first violin and the cello, presumably to let the king have a good go himself. This was good appetite-whetting stuff and all very well done with the nice ensemble, tone and expression which they gave to all their pieces.

Then much bigger with Beethoven's 'Serioso' quartet, written 20 years after the Mozart but what a difference! A flamboyant first movement, with forte passages played with great verve, a second movement with elaborate themes over repeated falling scales, a sudden change of mood to a vigorous third movement and a fourth movement which goes wild in the middle. Then one of those trademark Beethoven finishes where it all goes quiet and just as you think it about to finish it goes wild again with the listener's head being elegantly taken off. For me the highlight of the programme.

Last, something different. Maurice Ravel, much given to unorthodox composition as in this F major piece. Four very different movements: the first full of assorted themes, the second full of demanding pizzicato passages, a slow contemplative third and finally an explosive finale with great ranges of volume and expression.

Altogether a fine afternoon. The quartet is playing at the Cheltenham Music Festival on 18th July: very well worth hearing.

John Parfitt



Brass is back!

That brass bands were again firmly re-established and now going from strength to strength we had suspected. That their music is not just about marches but creating exciting and stimulating playing of many well known and loved classical and sacred works was however fairly new to your reviewer – and possibly also to some of the others who came to listen to Mike Kerton's "Just Brass" presentation on 30th April.

We had quite expected to hear Jerusalem and Pomp and Circumstance, and possibly Colonel Bogey and Nimrod, but were amazed and delighted by beautifully played music by Rossini, Mozart, Wagner, Faure, Berlioz, Handel, Liszt, Verdi and Rimsky Korsakov as well, amongst others. We did enjoy listening to the brass bands!

Ralph Kenber



Confusion reigns over play reading

Painswick Players next play reading – which may (or may not) lead to the next Players production in December - is on Tuesday, 16th June at 7.30pm in the Green Room at the Painswick Centre. It is certain to be filled with confusions - and not just because I'm running it this month! Confused? Let me explain...

Confusions is a collection of five loosely linked, one-act plays written by Alan Ayckbourn in 1974. The five plays - *Mother Figure*, *Drinking Companion*, *Between Mouthfuls*, *Gosforth's Fete* and *A Talk In The Park* - were intended as a showcase for five actors in his celebrated Scarborough company with 23 parts in total, each actor coming to prominence in each of the different plays. The plays are written in very different styles, building to a crescendo in the fourth piece *Gosforth's Fete*, before ending with a series of monologues *A Talk In The Park*, a sort of epilogue which puts the whole collection into context.

Still confused? Then, come along and join in – or just listen – to what will definitely be an evening of convivial confusion, which might just turn out to be the next Painswick Players production. So, 35 years after the event, you could be there at the beginning... If you see what I mean.

The following week, on Tuesday 23rd June, the confusion will be further compounded with an open meeting to discuss all the options for the December production. PP Chairman Andrew Leach says, "Following his very successful production of *Gaslight* in May, we are delighted that George Krasker has agreed to direct our next show as well. All are welcome, so if you want to be involved, on or off-stage, do come along, let us know your skills and bring any ideas and suggestions for plays you would like to see performed. We can only perform ONE play this autumn, so don't be downhearted if we can't take up your suggestion this time – all good ideas will be kept in mind for future productions!"

And, finally, as an antidote to all this confusion, a moment of crystal clarity: the YIPPIES - Young Painswick Players – invite you to follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Painswick Centre on Friday, 12th June (7:00pm) or Saturday 13th June (5.00pm) to see the wonderful *Wizard of Oz*. Tickets are £3.00 from The Chairman in New Street.

Jack Burgess

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The Herbaceous Border

Following our AGM we were fortunate in being able to welcome Austin Perkins back to Painswick following his previous successful talks. He was due to speak to us in February, but due to the appalling weather the meeting had to be cancelled.



His extensive knowledge and expertise is based on a career as the Park Superintendent at Bristol University. The definition of a perennial is 'a long lived plant which dies back in winter and reappears each year'. The reason that so many gardeners grow them is that they can be interplanted between shrubs, are easy to grow in fertile soils, have a wide range of colours and are, according to John Brookes, 'the pretties'. Many are 'performance plants' in that they have attractive foliage, flowers which can be cut and taken indoors to be enjoyed, attract bees, have winter seed heads and look good for a long time.

In the past herbaceous borders were all the rage but during the winter months they are bare and there is nothing to look at. In recent years and in our smaller gardens mixed beds have become more popular as they can be planted for winter interest and supplemented with annuals in the summer. To maximise our beds we were advised to mix up leaf shapes, plant into a weed free, rich soil and to feed the plants with fish, blood and bone or Growmore. We left, enthusiastic to maximise our gardens' potential. Instead of monthly meetings during the summer The Horticultural Society arranges visits to gardens around the country. If you would like to join us there are still spaces available on:

- Thursday 25 June Royal National Rose Society Gardens at St Albans
- Wednesday 22 July Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Surrey
- Wednesday 19 August RHS Wisley, Surrey

Details are available from Gus Gaugain - tel. 812599
Our next meeting is at 7.30 on the 14th October at the Town Hall. We will be learning about 'Autumn Colour and Interest in the Garden'. If you are interested please come and join us.

Elizabeth Gardam



Lamas Park

Did you know that each Citizens Advice Bureau is a separate organisation and a charity? Your local CAB is located in Stroud and provides independent advice on debt, benefits, employment and a range of other issues. What particularly impresses me is the help it is able to provide to people who are worried and bewildered and for these the CAB provides a real lifeline.

However money is always in short supply. This year we are organising an Open Garden at Lamas Park, Cuckoo Row, Minchinhampton for one of our local fundraising events. This is a golden opportunity to visit this lovely garden with fine views – and support your local CAB! The Open Garden is on Sunday 14th June from 2.00 – 6.00pm. Admission (which includes a cream tea) is £5.00. Please do come and support us.

Peter Rowe



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British Red Cross Open Gardens



Following such a cool, wet and blustery May we are wishing and hoping for a blazing June! Don't miss the Painswick Red Cross Open gardens to be held this year on Sunday 28th June between 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm and at least will have been well watered.

Five beautiful Cotswold gardens will be open in Kingsmill Lane, Stepping Stone Lane and Cotswold Mead. You can walk around them all (approximately 2 miles) or park either in the entrance car park at Painswick Rugby Club alongside the A46, or at Sheepphouse Cottage or Sheepphouse in Stepping Stone Lane, in their paddocks. All the gardens and car parks will be signed and each garden will have leaflets with a map to guide you around the route. Disabled visitors are free to drive to each property and follow the owners parking directions.

Teas and home made cakes will be served at Sheepphouse, Ice Creams at Wayland, Cotswold Mead and there will be a plant stall at Sheepphouse Cottage. Do come along and enjoy these lovely gardens supporting a most worthy cause at the same time.


Jackie Herbert & Lindsay Gardiner

Rococo to Sandywell

The Friends of the Rococo Garden have a coach outing on the morning of Friday 19th June to Sandywell Gardens near Andoversford. These gardens are only occasionally open to the public and we are pleased that they are allowing this special visit. The gardens consist of two vibrant, plant-packed walled gardens totalling 3.25 acres. There are mature trees, varied borders, secret corners, lawns, water features, avenues and vistas.

The coach leaves the Rococo Garden Car Park at 10.00am, arriving at Sandywell 10.40. The visit will include coffee/tea and cakes. Departure time 12.40, arriving back at Painswick at approx 1.20 (where lunch will be available in the Coach House Restaurant for those who would like it). The cost, including coach, garden admission and mid morning refreshments is £15 per person. This trip is now open to any who wish to come. Please book via 814360 or at the Rococo Garden.

Angela Newing



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News from the Croft

Safari Supper

Congratulations to all those who were responsible for the success of the Safari Supper last month; particular thanks go to Sam Twigg and Gillian Hancock for masterminding the event and to all the hosts for their hard work and generosity. A profit of £606 was made.

PTA Computer Fund

We are very grateful to the PTA committee for all their hard work this year to provide the school with new computer equipment. We have recently ordered a new computer for each class and a set of laptop computers. Once they have arrived we will let you all see them.

School Council

Congratulations to the summer School council members:

- Yr 1 Henry Phillips (reserve Finlay Davies)
- Yr 2 Miriam Szczurek (reserve Megan Greenwood)
- Yr 3 Lucas Nixon Malaure (reserve Jack Higgins)
- Yr 4 Amy James (reserve Ellie Yates)
- Yr 5 Ben Crowther (reserve Joe Jakeway)
- Yr 6 Millie Mercer (reserve Holly Williams)
- Harry Lovell (reserve Jack Theakston)
- Bethany Worsley (reserve Nina Perry)
- William Jones (reserve Daniel Needham)
- Molly Nicholls (reserve Charlotte Mole)
- Reece Morris (reserve Max Simpson)
- Olivia Mighten (reserve Emily Theakston)

House Captains

This term's House Captains are:

- Beacon Will Jollans
- Juniper Catherine Taylor
- Rudge George Jones

Headteachers for the day

You may know that one of the lots at the recent auction of promises was for a child to be headteacher for the day. After a fierce bidding war, it was decided to share the role. The result was that the school had three headteachers on Friday, 22nd May. These were Eloise Allen and Lucy and Molly Nicholls, all in Class 5. Miss Allen, Miss Nicholls and Miss Nicholls led assembly the following Friday afternoon.

Class Teachers for next year

As you know, Mrs Hartley will be taking maternity leave from the end of this term. In September some teachers will be moving to new classes to cover this vacancy. The class teachers will be as follows:

- Class 1 Mrs Greening and Mrs Bedford
 - Class 2 Mrs Towler
 - Class 3 Mrs Skinner
 - Class 4 Miss Gorman
 - Class 5 Teacher on a temporary contract
- The vacancy has been advertised today to appoint a teacher to teach Class 5 in September.

Class 2 Trip
Please note that on the term dates Class 2's trip is down for 23rd June. It will now take place on 30th June.

Janet Hoyle

SUPA Saturday

All primary aged children are invited to come join us on Saturday 27th June, from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at The Croft School for drama, quizzes, games, Bible stories and lots of fun! How much? £2, payable at time of registration. Please try and pre-register as places are limited. Pre-registration forms are available from the school or Jess Duffield (07717639345 or jess.duffield@psalms.uk.net) from 4th June.

CROFT SCHOOL DATES : JUNE	
Week beginning 8th June	Class 1 trip to Berkeley Castle
Thursday 11th June	Half day Book Fair (afternoon)
Friday 12th June	Year 2 Music Workshop 1.00 – 3.00pm
Monday 15th June	St Matthew's Primary School Governing Body 7.00pm
15th – 19th June	Year 6 residential trip
Wednesday 17th June	Meeting for parents of '09
Friday 19th June	Reception children 9.00am
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 5 talented sports event, Archway School 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 24th June	Class 1 Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 25th June	Class 2 trip to Gloucester Cathedral
Friday 26th June	Sports Day: 9.15am Classes 1 and 2
27th – 28th June	10.30am Classes 3, 4 and 5
Sunday 28th June	Reserve sports morning (in case of rain on 24th)
Monday 29th June	Non – uniform day
Tuesday 30th June	Class 2 assembly 2.30pm
	Local History Society exhibition at the Town Hall, displays by Croft children
	PTA Summer Fayre
	District Sports throwing, jumping events 4pm St Matthew's School
	Annual reports to be sent home

Library News

New books are being added to the library each week and we have just received a selection of biographies that are new to this library.



If you are going on HOLIDAY and need your books for a little longer, don't forget to ask us you check the books out. Avoid fines by planning ahead.

Storytime on "Percy the Park Keeper" was enjoyed by twelve children who then planted flower and vegetable seeds to take home. The next Storytime will be on Tuesday 23rd June at 3.45 pm when we will be hearing all about cats!



Registration for this year's Summer Reading Challenge will begin on 11th July. You can register in any library and use visits to any library in Gloucestershire to complete the challenge. There will be competitions, activities and fun things to do for the summer holidays as well as some exciting new books to read!

Opening Hours

- Monday Closed All Day
- Tuesday 10.00am – 1.00pm
- 2.00pm – 7.00pm
- Wednesday Closed All Day
- Thursday 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Friday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
- Saturday 10.00am – Noon

Your Library Staff
- Kath, Lesley and Sheila

Local History Teaser

These charming little folk are all dressed up for a special occasion. Are you able to identify any of them – indeed, are you one of them – can you say what the occasion was and when and where the photograph was taken?



Answer in next month's Beacon. Last month's teaser did elicit a response from David and Jean Ryland who recognised David's grandmother wearing a large hat on the second row back. The occasion was a Clipping service but date unknown. Our thanks to David Rogers for the loan of the photograph. If you have a picture which would challenge readers or evoke memories we should love to hear from you.

Carol Maxwell



Double Joy for the History Society

History Society annual outings are more often than not accompanied by either heavy rain or cold, grey, windy conditions. Imagine therefore the double joy of finding ourselves on a sunny May evening at a truly stunning site in the middle of Gloucester. Blackfriars is an absolute gem, a real asset in the hands of English Heritage and right in the heart of the city.

The building, mostly hidden behind high walls, has been beautifully restored and manages to present very fine examples of two completely different periods and cultures simultaneously. The Dominican system of rooms and way of life is very evident but at the same time a fascinating glimpse of the fine establishment of a wealthy Tudor merchant is there alongside.

It is certainly the best preserved Dominican priory in the country. Gloucester castle stood where the prison now is and Henry III gave a nearby piece of land to the Dominicans in 1239. Here they constructed Blackfriars, with its magnificent scissor brace oak roofs, colourful wall paintings, fine chancel and nave, dormitory, dining room, kitchens and impressive library (the oldest purpose-built library in the country) still displaying some well-preserved 13th century graffiti. The Prior had his own suite of rooms, still to be seen and rather grand, though, as he was obliged once a year to walk all the way to either Paris or Rome and back, this little privacy concession was perhaps understandable. As he was also Henry III's confessor it is interesting to note that Henry eventually managed to obtain a Papal Dispensation to allow him to travel on horseback in this country at least so that he could be immediately available. There was a maximum of 25 friars and 15 labourers living here at any one time but many people came to worship in the church and it is believed that thousands are buried in the land under the car park adjacent to the priory.

At the Dissolution of the monasteries in 1536 Blackfriars was bought by Thomas Bell, a wealthy merchant in textiles especially the making of hats. He converted the church into a house and most of the rest of the buildings into kitchens or factory. There are some excellent examples of Tudor kitchens, fireplaces and ovens, all installed by Bell as part of his very luxurious house.

In the 18th century the building was sold off piecemeal and for many years subsequently was used for a variety of business activities and housing. It is astonishing therefore that today the two eras described sit together so clearly and visibly in this magnificent building.

Blackfriars is not currently open but visits can be booked and it can be visited during Heritage open weekends when there are guided tours. The next one is 11/12/13 September. It is well worth a visit.

Carol Maxwell


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A Big Weekend for Painswick

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June promise to be a bumper weekend of attractions for Painswick. The Church rooms, Library room and the whole of the Town Hall will house a range of exhibitions to interest everyone.

The Local History Society is planning to hold another exhibition following last year's successful display. It may well turn into an annual event. This year a different set of topics will be on show in the lower room of the Town Hall, using carefully researched information, photographs and artefacts. Croft School has been invited to participate with a contribution focusing on the tomb stones. It is important that the children develop an awareness of their historic heritage and equally important that they feel involved in the public showcasing of their research.

The display on local poets and writers entered for last October's GRCC competition and which was much complimented will feature and, probably more important, a draft of this year's entry will be shown with the hope that viewers' comments will help to produce the perfect version! The subject is housing the poor (historically, of course). There will be a range of other subjects of local interest and relevance.

In the upper room all the entries for a children's art competition will be on display in their many manifestations. The theme is the Church yard but that is the only parameter. Any medium can be used except computer generated material and the end product can be any size. This, of course, opens up a potentially exciting spectrum of possibilities. Prize money of £15, £10 and £5 will be awarded to the winners in two categories - 4-7 years of age and 7-11 years of age, the judging to be undertaken by local artist, Adele Lambert.

All children can enter, not only Croft School pupils. The closing date is Tuesday, 23rd June when all pieces with name and age attached should be delivered to the Croft School. The resulting exhibition promises to be a real treat. For more information contact Liz Burge, tel. 813177.

Meanwhile, in the Library room and the main Church room adults representing The Country Studio group will have their work on display and for sale. Approximately 20 to 30 artists intend to show their work which will in the main consist of paintings. All the work will be for sale. This group meets every Tuesday morning throughout the year in the Church rooms where much of their painting is done. Ten per cent of all sales during the weekend will go towards maintenance of the Church yard. For more information contact Shirley Elliott, tel. 01453 764769.

It is also hoped to set out an owners' display of pictures and artefacts of the Church yard. This will be in the small Church room. Refreshments in the form of tea, coffee and cake will be served in the Town Hall.

This big weekend of events is being organised cooperatively by all the participating groups and promises to be a veritable feast of interest, information and visual stimulation! It will all be well worth a visit whatever your age.

Carol Maxwell

Cider with Rosie

There will be an exhibition of paintings by Rupert Aker celebrating 50 years since the publication of Laurie Lee's *Cider with Rosie* in Painswick Town Hall on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June, 10.30 am - 5.00pm.

Cider with Rosie remains one of the 20th century's best-loved autobiographies, evoking Laurie Lee's Cotswold childhood at the end of the First World War, the landscape and the characters that lived in it, the end of an era. Rupert says that he was first introduced to the book as a set



English literature text at school, and the book's richly poetic prose has stayed with him ever since.

"Little did I think then that one day I would live at this 'wild end' of the Slad valley, where I have been able to appreciate the hidden places that the book so vividly describes."

The exhibition comprises work painted on his many rambles through this beautiful stretch of country. He says he hopes the paintings reflect the huge inspiration that the book has been to him.

Stroud Valley Arts Festival...

As you may be aware, the Stroud Valley Arts Festival is taking place this month, with a strong Painswickian component.

A group of nine Painswick artists have joined to form a collective and will be showing their work in the Town Hall from Saturday 13th through to Sunday 21st June from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily as part of the Festival Site 09. They are Adele Lambert, Andy Lovell, Angela Cash, Claire Nayegon, Jane Garbett, Jennifer Shonk, Joanne Casling, Johannes Steuck and Mark Kelland.

Claire Nayegon is taking part from her Studio at the Painswick Centre in Bisley Street on Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of June from 11.00am to 6.00pm daily. Visitors are welcome to come and see her work and learn about the process of stained glass panel production. For more information you can contact Claire on 07900 606234 or visit www.happypotter.co.uk

Jane Garbett will be running a taster class titled 'Wish you could draw?' on Thursday 18th June from 2.00 to 3.00pm - this class is open to all on a first come first served basis. Booking is essential. You can contact Jane on 812176.

Adele Lambert will be running a taster class on 'The Art Experience' [time to be confirmed] for Painswickians connected with the Friday Club and Richmond Painswick. Again booking is essential and you will need to contact Ann Williams on 812344 or Melissa on 813444.

Both classes will run from the Town Hall and all materials will be supplied. Find out more on www.artinpainswick.com.

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Party Planning in a 'very British Summer'

The Met Office is forecasting 'a very British summer with sun then showers' for 2009 and we all know what that means. Planning an outdoor party becomes tricky if rain arrives, especially when space indoors is limited. Why not consider an alternative? The Cotswold Room is regularly booked for parties, especially those held for children. Small wedding receptions and anniversaries are some of the other celebrations held in the Cotswold Room. This first floor room, with an Arts & Crafts flavour, overlooks the village and over to the Cotswold hills. Across the landing, the Green Room includes a modern fully-fitted kitchen, whether you decide to engage caterers or simply self-cater for your function. Local caterers familiar with the Centre's facilities include Three Counties Catering of Cranham (tel. 814040) and Painswick's family-run delicatessen, Olivas, in Friday Street (tel. 814774). For bigger parties and dances, the main Beacon Hall, with large kitchen and bar, is recommended. To discuss your room requirements, please tel. 812369.

Finally, I am looking for help with publicity for the Centre. If you are interested in getting involved, without the responsibility of being a Trustee, I would be delighted to hear from you.
 Jane Rowe (813228)

Tea Dancing and The Victorian Costume Ball

The Victorian Costume Ball, to be held at the Painswick Centre on Saturday 11th July will bring to a close our eighth season of Tea Dances. The Ball is the highlight of the season, which this year has been our most successful so far, attracting dancers from all parts of the county. The Tea Dances are a mixture of ballroom, latin and sequence and we teach or revise a sequence dance each week before the general dancing commences. The teaching sessions begin at 2.00pm and the Tea Dances commence at 2.30pm continuing until 4.30pm with a break for tea and biscuits. With another six weeks to go this season there is still time for you to come along and enjoy an afternoon of gentle exercise and a social occasion too.

For our Victorian Ball we will be having a workshop on Thursday 9th from 7.30-9.30pm at the Centre for anyone who would like to come along and learn a few of the dances ready for the Saturday evening. All the dances are traditional, mainly from the late 19th and early 20th century and are usually reasonable easy to follow, even for dancers with limited experience. Of course, as usual there will be spectator tickets available too, so that if you enjoy an evening of music you could sit on the balcony, have a drink from the bar and the refreshments available in the interval and then consider joining in the next time. If the thought of dressing up puts you off please be assured that the Victorians very often wore dark colours, mainly black so a white blouse and black skirt for the ladies and dinner jackets for the gentlemen would be quite acceptable. Tickets at £7.50 for dancing and £3.50 for spectators, inclusive of refreshments, available by phoning us on 01453 833150 when we will be happy to give you any further information you may require.

Geoff & Joy Codd, *Dancing For Pleasure*

Painswick Summer Art Festival

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Parish Council towards advertising, we are delighted to announce plans to stage the first 'Painswick Summer Art Festival' throughout the month of August. The idea is receiving great support and enthusiasm from local artists, businesses and potential venues, hoping to attract more visitors to Painswick, boost local businesses and help put Painswick back on the map as a place to visit where there is plenty to see and do.

We have several permanent local outlets that sell high quality art and craft work in Painswick and every year there are many varied Art Exhibitions being held in Painswick venues throughout August alongside the Gloucester Guild of Craftsmen's Summer Show. It has therefore been decided to bring all these together under the umbrella of a 'Painswick Summer Art Festival'.


If you are a local artist or suitable business there is still some exhibition space available at the Town Hall (812722) and the Library Rooms (812569), call them now to ensure you are a part of this exciting new venture. If you have a private Art Studio that you could open, or special art work you would like to display outdoors, or any other great ideas for this event, please contact Jackie Herbert on 813229 or go to our local art website www.artinpainswick.com

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Painswick Parish Council – Annual report 2008 – 09

A quiet year

It's been a quiet year when compared with the considerable difficulties caused by the flooding and closure of the A46 during the autumn of 2007 and the early part of 2008. Local businesses have yet to recover fully from the loss of trade experienced during that time and the current economic downturn has caused added problems. That said those problems have resulted in the creation of Painswick Matters, the name given to the group of Painswick businesses that have come together to seek a common approach to the promotion of trade and tourism. The Painswick Gateway project has continued to be the subject of considerable interest and further reports about its future are awaited. The Painswick Centre has launched several initiatives, one being the creation of a new studio complex for local artists.

Elections

Elections were held in May and a new Parish Council formed. The number of residents voting locally was again high compared with the national average. Painswick achieved a 50.3% turn-out, the highest percentage in the district. During the year Robert Cox resigned from the Parish council and was succeeded by Ela Pathak-Sen. More recently a vacancy has occurred in the Slad Ward as Norrie Curtis is moving to Scotland. The Parish Council was pleased to welcome Andy Cash as one of the two Sheepscombe members. Andy succeeded David Harcup who after many years of dedicated service to the Council had decided not to seek re-election. 2008 proved to be the last year when the Bledisloe Cup for the Best Kept Village would be held. Painswick was delighted to win the Large Village category particularly as the competition had been expanded to reflect the extent of community involvement in the day to day life of Gloucestershire's villages.

Allotments

Very recently there has been considerable interest shown in the provision of public allotment gardens. The Parish Council is required to seek to provide such allotments when six or more parishioners request them. The difficulty has been in finding suitable/available land. The Parish Council has been offered the Gyde Field to lease but the location is in a Conservation Area and concerns have been expressed by some residents about the appropriateness of the field for allotments. The Parish Council has stressed that the area of the field to be used would be lit-



tle more than one third of the field's total acreage with the remainder left as pasture.

Parish Halls' Survey

The Parish Council has expressed its appreciation to one of its former members, Peter Rowe, for carrying out a comprehensive survey of the use of the public meeting halls within the parish. The results have highlighted the response from residents and organisations that, in the main, they are satisfied with the service afforded to them by the halls' managements. The next step is to seek residents' views whether there are gaps in the activities provided within the parish.

The Parish Council's Committees

Land & Buildings. The Council's Vice Chairman Martin Slinger who chairs the Council's Finance and Land & Buildings committees reports that it has been another difficult period. Early in the year fuel prices soared causing funding problems but latterly there has been a reduction in costs. A chimney on the Town Hall roof was considered to be unsafe, its condition having been noticed by a builder working next door. For reasons of health and safety, the necessary repair work was carried out. Based on earlier advice it had been expected that the heating in the downstairs room at the Town Hall would be serviceable for another two years. This did not happen as both were condemned at the last inspection. We are therefore having to provide new heating a year earlier than expected. More tasks came along making in particular our Handyman's job list more congested but the Parish Council strives to carry out its responsibilities in an efficient and effective manner. The Cemetery continues to be maintained to a standard appropriate for a rural cemetery. The Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2009 is available for inspection in the Parish Council Office.

Planning

Planning Committee Chairman David Hudson reports that in 2008 the committee dealt with 120 planning applications compared with an average of 140 in previous years. Up to the 1st of May this year there have been 45 applications. The majority of applications continue to be for extensions to existing dwellings. There were 5 applications for the construction of new dwellings continuing the trend of people wishing to build in their gardens. From 1st June this year the Planning Committee will operate a new system for a trial period to enable every planning application to be discussed in a meeting open to the public. There will be 2 planning meetings per month on the first and third Wednesdays at 7.00 pm with site meetings in

the afternoon. This will allow the public to address the meeting if they so wish and to listen to the ensuing discussion.

There will also be changes in the way the District Council handles planning applications whereby if a town or parish council objects to an application it will no longer be put to the elected members of the Development Control Committee as a matter of right. A panel of 3 District Councillors will now decide which applications go forward to the development Control committee. It is therefore all the more important that residents should let the Parish Council know of any concerns they may have concerning planning applications so that they may be considered before the Council's recommendation to the District Council is made. David says that the Parish Council continues to have a good working relationship with the District Council's Planning Department.

Traffic

Traffic Committee Chairman Ann Burges Watson comments that the Parish Council was glad to have Wick Street, Wades Lane, and Pincot Lane restored after their over use during the A46 closure. Works were completed on the resurfacing of the A46 around Paradise. Kingsmill Lane was also partially resurfaced. Although not in our parish, the survey for the Fiddlers Elbow/Coopers Hill area has been completed. However, there is no news on what County Highways plan to do or when.

The Parish Council is still pushing for a 20 mph limit in the village envelope and Ann reports that we have been told that we are high on the priority list for when the County Council begins to implement its 20 mph zone policy. The Parish Council has again reported the very bad condition of the turning space in Canton Acre. A traffic survey was completed on Gloucester Street but the results have still to be published. At a recent Traffic Committee meeting the attention of Gloucestershire Highways was drawn by a number of worried parents to the dangers posed by traffic to children crossing the road to visit Broadham Field. The Highways Officers agreed that this was a valid concern and that they will look into the matter. The Parish Council is awaiting the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign which indicates excessive speed to be positioned on the Cheltenham Road within the village boundary. Ann comments on the efficient and friendly working relationship County Highways has with the Parish Council and that she looks forward to achieving some of our aims with their continued help.

Footpaths

The footpaths inspectors have been active monitoring the paths for which they are responsible. As a result of their reports a number of improvements and repairs have been effected. Some difficulties have been encountered with access over stiles where fencing is necessary to protect livestock. Walkers are asked to ensure that dogs are under control at all times and on a lead in the vicinity of sheep, geese and cattle.

Plantation

Ann Daniels who chairs the Plantation Committee reports that Mr Terry Fenton the Plantation Project Manager has recently updated the committee on his progress with the Woodland Improvement Scheme on which the council has embarked. Many unwelcome sycamore saplings have been dealt with successfully.

Unfortunately there are a few dead or diseased trees which will have to go; this will be done fairly soon. The Parish Council would like to remind those using the Plantation that there are no public footpaths: only permitted footpaths. The Footpaths Committee has put 'Walkers Only' signs at each entrance. Recently these have been persistently removed. A few weeks ago three of the signs were recovered hidden in the hedge along Holcombe Lane. These signs cost about £10 each and are put on the entrances for the safety of walkers. In the Plantation regenerated beeches continue to grow well, but the planted ones are sometimes attacked by squirrels. The regenerated ones definitely fare better. It continues to be a great place to walk and is used by many.

Edge Ward (Cllr Martin Slinger)

The biggest problem as ever is the amount of speeding traffic on the A4173, especially within the 40mph section. It is a particular problem for those who attend the many functions at the church. Another reason for concern is the speed of traffic on the Whiteshill Road particularly between the houses. The extra traffic on Edge Lane is also a problem for residents. The Parish Council hopes that the County Council can take steps to reduce the traffic speeds on these roads. Natural England are now beginning to get Rudge Hill in to shape in the same way as the Cotswold Wardens have done at Huddinknoll. Flooding issues are still causing some problems.

Sheepscombe Ward (Andy Cash and Dhushy Mahendran)

In the financial year 08/09, the precept for the Sheepscombe Ward was used to purchase new chairs for the Village Hall. This was particularly useful as existing chairs were in a poor state of repair and the usage of the Village Hall continues to increase. With the Hall being used so much more there has been an issue around storage. Therefore having obtained planning permission and engineer reports for an extension to the Village Hall, the process for fund raising is well on track to generate the resource for the extension. The Village Hall Committee are very grateful to the Parish Council for the previous loan which has now been repaid in full. Also then play area at the Village Hall has now been completely renovated with a new surface, swings and climbing frame. It is proving very popular with the children of the village and also visitors to the Hall.

Slad Ward (Cllrs Norrie Curtis and Jackie Woof)

Another eventful year. Precept money has been used towards costs for the Slad pantomime held in Slad Church last December and for the annual edition of the Slad Valley News.

Appreciation

The work of parish councils has increased greatly in recent years and Painswick's council is no exception. The Councillors wish to express their appreciation for the support they receive from the Clerk to the Council, Roy Balgobin, and the Assistant Clerk, Liz Fisher. The Ward members are especially appreciative of the work carried out for their residents by the Parish Handyman, George Hodder. The Councillors would also wish to thank those parishioners who have helped them in carrying out the Council's responsibilities during the year.

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Football Trophy World Shield Cup Final

David Bullingham (one of the most successful youth managers of all time) led his team to the League and Cup double. Painswick dominated the game and just stopped the Woodpeckers playing their game.



The first goal came early on in the first half from a pin point corner taken by the captain Tom Davis finding Jake Godwin unmarked in the box who firmly headed home. Jake controlled the midfield and Adam Foulkes and Sam White were fantastic at the back. Woodpeckers had only a few chances but Nathan Fagg was magnificent in goal and made the save of the season to keep one effort out. The second goal came from Andy Jones who slipped the ball past the 'keeper as he came out and then celebrated with a back flip.

A great achievement for Painswick FC – double winners in their first season of football.

Howard Davis

Cricket

Painswick first eleven began the new season with a fine victory over Dumbleton on 2nd May. A ninth wicket partnership of 42 between skipper Wayne Neville and Ian Hogg enabled Painswick to reach a total of 161. Dumbleton never appeared likely to pass the visitors' score and were dismissed for 105. Meanwhile the second team had an exciting match with the Dumbleton second eleven. The game ended with Paul (Darts) Morris taking the last Dumbleton wicket with the final ball of the match when the scores were tied at 209. Paul had a very successful day taking five wickets. On the same day the third eleven were at home (Marling school ground) against Slimbridge. Outstanding for Painswick was Matt Coombes who was undefeated on 103 in the home side's total of 199 for 6. Slimbridge replied with an all out score of 124.

The following Saturday Painswick first eleven continued their successful season's start at home to Tewkesbury. They reached a total of 241 for 6 with Simon Savides hitting a fine 88. Tewkesbury had reached 177 for 8 at the end of their 45 overs. The second eleven away against Tewkesbury passed the home side's total of 175 for the loss of six wickets. The third eleven were away to Frocester's fifth eleven where the home side's total of 245 proved too many for Painswick who had reached 176 for 7 at the close.

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On 16th May the first eleven's match against Bredon was called off because of rain. The second eleven did play and beat Bredon's second eleven passing their score of 189 for 6 with Paul Morris making a fine 69. On 23rd May Painswick first eleven were at home to Hatherley & Reddings. The visitors were all out for 186 with Painswick reaching 139 all out. The second eleven away to the same club were all out for 96 in reply to Hatherley & Reddings total of 166 for 8. Away to Chalford's second eleven, Painswick's third eleven won by six wickets. Chalford scored 102 for 6 with Jamie Morgan taking three for nine.

June fixtures
All Saturday matches are league games

Sat 6th.	Painswick 1st XI v Woodmancote 1st XI. Woodmancote 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI. Uley 2nd v Painswick 3rd XI.
Sat 13th.	Painswick 1st XI v Redmarley 1st XI. Redmarley 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI.
Sun 14th.	Painswick v Upton St Leonards.
Sat 20th.	Stone 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI. Painswick 2nd XI v Stone 2nd XI. Painswick 3rd XI v Stroud 4th XI.
Sun 21st.	Painswick v Stroud.
Sat 27th.	Painswick 1st XI v Kingsholm 1st XI. Kingsholm 2nd XI v Painswick 2nd XI. Frampton 3rd XI v Painswick 3rd XI.
Sun 28th.	Chalford v Painswick.
July 4th.	Kingsholm 1st XI v Painswick 1st XI. Painswick 2nd XI v Kingsholm 2nd XI. Painswick 3rd XI v Frampton 3rd XI.

Tennis

It seems somewhat incongruous to be reporting on winter matches in June, but Painswick LTC can now report another very successful winter season. In the Gloucestershire Winter Floodlit League Painswick's A team have to be congratulated on coming top of Division One. Painswick A also topped the Stroud Winter League Division One, with the B and C teams coming fourth and fifth respectively, while in Division 2 Painswick E team finished first and Painswick D, third. This year's Painswick Cup, a winter competition held here for ten local teams was won by the Painswick B team who narrowly beat Painswick A into joint second place.

On a sunny Sunday afternoon last month, the annual Mixed American Tournament took place. Fourteen players took part with the eventual winners being Richard Bailey and Ruth Smith (pictured).

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Darts

Falcon Hotel Ladies Darts Team

Captain Linda Cooke wishes to thank the Falcon Hotel for their sponsorship and support throughout the winter darts season. This is a new team that hasn't played winter darts before. Starting with a mixture of different players, once they got into a set pattern it soon became apparent that the team was going places. Losing only two of their league games it has certainly been a carousel season. "Well done to each and everyone".

The social given by the Falcon Hotel on 23rd May was an amazing success. A few awards were made at the social night. Top player award went to a Sandra Saunders. Most improved player: Kirsty Kemmett. Captain's cup award went to Sandra Saunders as well, for absolutely outstanding play and even getting 180 in a league match! Linda wishes to thank all the team who are an amazing group of people. She said "It's been a privilege to captain the team. We've had come fun on the way and they are just great people to be with: we'll be back next winter".

Summer darts will soon be starting. It's a mixed team so why not come and join us? Registration forms can be found at The Shires Bar or contact Linda on 813921.



Richmond dragon racers

A team of 'rowers' from Richmond Painswick braved torrential rain in Gloucester Docks on Sunday 17th May to help raise funds for CLIC Sargent at the annual Dragon Boat Regatta. It was touch and go at the beginning of the day whether the races would go ahead, but a gap in the clouds had the teams racing to the boats to compete.

Richmond's Team of twelve rowers and a drummer took part in three races each round improving their time by a few seconds. Despite tremendous efforts Richmond didn't make it into the final, but won the trophy for best time of a mixed team! The team have enjoyed the experience so much they have decided to compete next year.

Melissa Gough-Rundle Crew Manager and Activities Coordinator at Richmond Village Painswick said 'the team were amazing despite the weather, and we have raised money for a marvellous cause. We can't wait for next year!



(Back Row) l-r Helena Holmes, Melissa Gough-Rundle, Tony Philips, Jo Walters, Sam Hamer, Susie Oakley, Carolyn Baldwin, Charlotte Woolley, Simon Gough-Rundle, (Front Row) l-r Sean Timbrell, John Nicolle, Richard Jenner, Damon Hughes.

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Fiji volunteer

Fiji lies scattered lazily in the sunlit blue waters of the Pacific Ocean, a picturesque string of over 300 islands, spectacular beaches and coral reefs. This may be true, but as an image of Fiji, it is incomplete. Fiji also has impoverished rural populations who as yet have not been able to capitalise on the booming tourist trade in the country.

Volunteers in schools can help the children of this society have a brighter future, and Joanna Longuet-Higgins

is going to be one of them! From 1st July she has been selected as a teaching assistant on the Frontier Sports Coaching Programme. Working with children aged 5-16 she will organise sporting activities from (Fiji's favourite) rugby, to surfing. Frontier works as a non-profit conservation and development non-governmental organisation (NGO) dedicated to building sustainable livelihoods for marginalised communities in the world's poorest countries.

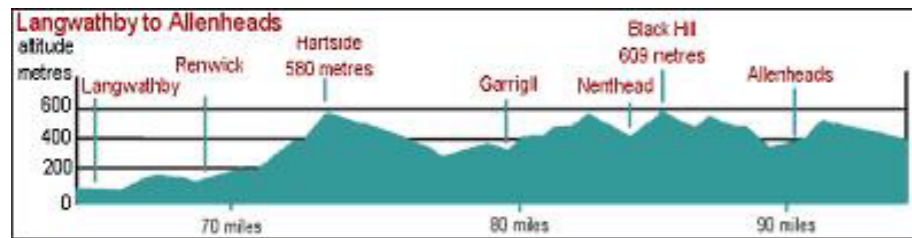
"By teaching here I can make a real difference to the lives of young people growing up in Fiji, and contribute to establishing sustainable development programmes" she says.

However, Jo is in much need of funding! £3000 will cover project costs, travel and living expenses. She is attempting to raise these funds as an individual, and your support could make a real difference! Cheques (payable to J. F. Longuet-Higgins) or postal orders for any amount would be most gratefully received. They should be sent to The Vicarage, Orchard Mead, Painswick GL6 6YD. Please indicate if you need a receipt. Alternatively, Jo needs equipment and supplies - please call (814133, 07866426165), email J.Longuet-Higgins@live.co.uk, or write to her for details. Or come to the Beetle Drive on 12th June! - see Diary for more info.



Coast 2 Coast Bike Challenge

Clare and Aidan Fowler will be cycling 144 miles from Whitehaven to Tynemouth over three days. The aim is to raise money for the new Cobalt Breast Clinic which will benefit all women (and men) in Gloucestershire who have any breast symptom detected by themselves or through the National Screening programme. You may have spotted us training hard up the hill from Harescombe to Edge and surrounds! If you would like to sponsor us please use the link to /www.justgiving.com/glosbreastappeal or phone the fundraising team on 01242 535900.



Sinai to Red Sea

Caroline Stone (nee Dicks) is raising money for The Alzheimer's Society with a sponsored trek from Mount Sinai to The Red Sea in November, a challenging trek of 80 kilometres over five days. She is committed to raise £2,200 (60% by July). She says, "As a local person with many links to Painswick, I am hoping that local people and businesses will consider my venture worthy of sponsorship and help me to meet my target."

The Alzheimer's Society is a charity committed to raising money for medical research with an ultimate aim to finding a cure for this mentally debilitating disease, together with supporting patients and families already faced with it. You can donate via Caroline's web-link: www.justgiving.com/alzheimerssoc/raisemoney. Alternatively, you can donate by cash or cheque (Payable to The Alzheimer's Society) to her parents address: Kath & Ivor Dicks at: Belle Vue Cottage, Vicarage Street, Painswick.



Jumping Georgie!



Georgina Smith is taking part in a charity sky diving event on June 14th, and she is parachuting in aid of 'The Door'. This is a Gloucester based youth project which provides a safe place and vocational training for disadvantaged young people. Should anyone feel they would like to help Georgina support this charity by sponsoring her to take part, she would be extremely grateful. All the money Georgina raises will go to 'The Door' as she will be covering her own costs. Donations can be given online at www.help.co.uk/fundraisers/GeorgieSmith or can be sent to her at Butt House, Butt Green.

A Face-lift for New Drive...

The walk along New Drive has always been a true pleasure, with its breathtaking views across the valley. In a matter of weeks from now it will literally open up even more delights as the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens, who are part of the Cotswold Conservation Board, complete several weeks hard graft and expose the lovely stone buttressing on the bank at the Stepping Stone Lane end of the drive.

For some years this section has been obliterated by bramble, ivy, weeds and thick messy growth, causing that end of the path to feel closed in, narrow and rather gloomy. Pat Daly, a Cotswold Warden, had been aware of this sorry state for some time and also recognised that it probably could be hiding an attractive feature. "You just couldn't see it," he says, "and it seemed a shame not to have an attractive entrance to a public footpath."

Pat contacted the Wardens with a view to organising a work party. Dorothy Baker came out to assess the task and then approached the Parish Council who gave the go-ahead to the Wardens. The process moved very quickly and within about six weeks the work started. That was in mid-April. An amazingly zestful and hardworking group of eight or nine people, all retired, have been hacking away and clearing the bank between 10.00 and 2.00 on Tuesdays and Dorothy, who is leading this work party, estimates that it will take about five visits to complete the job.

New Drive was constructed in 1906-08 on the instruction of the Rev. Seddon who lived in Gwynfa, which was the vicarage at that time (now the hotel), in Kemps Lane. It led from the A46 through to Kemps Lane and enabled him to reach his house via a beautiful route and without having to pass through the centre of the village. Given to Painswick in the mid-1990s, it is now in the care of the Parish Council. There are extensive areas of the well-cut, well-planned buttressing at both ends of New Drive and when they are sensitively cared for and properly maintained, as at the Kemps Lane end which is privately owned, they are very attractive indeed.



The working party engaged on this project belong to the Central District of the Voluntary Wardens and can find themselves working anywhere within a very wide area from Winchcombe to Stroud to Cirencester to Northleach. They work on Tuesdays and Thursdays (Tuesdays on New Drive), are nearly all retired, undertake an impressive range of tasks from bridges to stiles and tackle some very tough and daunting challenges which people half their ages would balk at. It is, on the other hand, a very sociable group deriving enormous satisfaction from some very worthwhile projects. There is more information on the AONB Conservation Board website.

Painswick is certainly benefiting from the arduous and painstaking labour being undertaken by this hardy group of stalwarts. Take a stroll along New Drive and admire a feature which has remained hidden for far too long.

Carol Maxwell

... and clearing up the Beacon Rubbish

For once my forecast of glorious sunshine looked spot on for the happy band of litter-pickers on Painswick Beacon! About a dozen volunteers - including a few new faces - gathered at the car park on the Beacon on Sunday 10 May, and cleared most of the litter from the adjacent quarries in an hour and a half. The finds this year included a wash basin, the bonnet of a car and 4 wheels/tyres (but where is the rest of the car?), remnants of various plastic lids (presumably failed sledges in the snow earlier this year), some rusting wire, window frames, plant pots, as well as a dozen or so golf balls and some 20 plus black plastic bags of unidentified litter.



The rubbish was heaped into two piles - hence two photos this year! There seemed a little less rubbish than previous years, though more larger items.

Many thanks to David and Celia, Terry and Chris, Richard, David, David, Lilla, Marisa, Sandra, Terry P and Douglas. And thanks also to George for removing the rubbish we collected.

Peter Rowe



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Promoting Painswick - visiting groups delighted

Two sizeable groups of visitors to Painswick in May discovered to their delight that there is more to our town than at first seems apparent.

Both the Uley Society and Stroud Local History Society were fortunate to visit on lovely, balmy Spring evenings and thus enjoy walks round the centre, lingering at places of particular interest. David Archard did a splendid job of providing them with enough information to whet their appetites for more, many people saying that they would definitely return with friends and relatives. Many also commented on the fact that they had not realised that there was so much of interest both historically and architecturally not to say myths and legends, nor that central Painswick was more than just New Street.

David had also arranged for the groups to visit four houses and gardens in Friday Street and Bisley Street and this proved to be a great success. The properties in question all contain important historic or decorative features and the owners are to be thanked for opening them to the visitors. It certainly made the evening different and fascinating.

Painswick has in its quiet way much to be proud of and visits such as these go a long way to promote real interest in the town. David Archard's informed commentaries during these guided tours were excellent, covering as they did fascinating details about streets, buildings, shops, developments and events throughout the whole of the centre and beyond. Such events must surely play an important part in the healthy regeneration of Painswick at this critical time. Many thanks to David and his assistants.

Carol Maxwell

Teddies jump again!

The famous flying teddies will jump again! From 12.00 - 2.00pm on 15th June, there will be an organised teddy-bear parachuting event from the tower of St Mary's Church Painswick.



This is a wonderful family and village event, an opportunity to picnic in the churchyard and watch the teddies descending under their brightly-coloured canopies. (Wind and weather permitting - even the most stoical of teddies objects to getting blown onto a busy A46, and they won't be the only ones!)

Bring your bravest soft toy. £2 per jump, parachutes provided. If you want to book a specific slot in advance, please call 01452 812965 and ask for Teddy High Command. Refreshments, activities, music. All proceeds go to support the work of World Vision in Lideta, Ethiopia.

To meet Health & Safety requirements, the Beacon is relieved to be able to report that Richard Aspinall, a fully qualified vet will be in attendance. Richard is Professor of Applied Teddilogical Fuzzyology at the St Edwards College of Ursine Medecine.

Calling all rain spotters

The Painswick Stream Management Group (PSMG) is asking anyone who either currently has a rain gauge or who might be interested in hosting one in their garden to get in touch. We are still evaluating the different types and options available but are aiming to install a small network of fully automated rain gauges at various points along the valley. The data taken from them would be used to help us test a range of possible flood defence schemes. So, if you have a rain gauge or might be prepared to host one, please call Angie Scott, PSMG Chair on 01452 813906 or e-mail psmg07@yahoo.co.uk.



Painswick Bird Club

The 5th May dawned fair for the first club field trip of the session, expertly member-led by Jane Rowe along Kingsmill Lane and beside the Painswick Stream, to observe residents and visitors-mainly avian. Conditions were windy but the glories of emergent summer set the stage for the day's delights. First up was the swallows' inevitable high-wire act and soon their wonderfully elegant, swift and sweeping - gulping-flight. A brilliance in the hedgerow was the sight of yellowhammer and at once, a different high spot, typically vigorous utterances, beak uplifted, white-throat revealed.

Of our usual supervisor, the robin, little was seen or heard nor even ironic comment from the green woodpecker!

Attendance was rather good, fourteen in all including Vancouverians two. As ever, there was excitement and expectation as to which of the bird array might enter next, right or left and there was much straining of ears against a wind sweeping away tantalizingly brief calls from avian wonders lurking! But our gizmo- equipped, thoughtful leader could play back any song she had detected!

We arrived at Kings Mill, basking in sunshine and bloom but the usually spectacular performer, the kestrel was stage shy, instantly retiring within the pigeonier, leaving on view only nesting flotsam.

So proceeding to the last we came to the sky high rookery and a gallery of noisy chatter - and a farewell re- appearance of the kestrel. Many birds had been seen or heard from tit to martin, finches green and gold, from buzzard to sparrow. Many were the birds, much the inspiration.

By the time of publication, the second field trip to Daisy Bank Fields and Charlton Kings Common will have taken place and there will be excited anticipation of the weekend trip to the Mendip Hills and Avalon Marshes (12th-14th June).

Wendy and Martin Addy



Steamy talk, panto confessions and postman's knock

Nostalgia was very much the order of the day when Peter Barry attended the May meeting of Yew Trees WI. Members were delighted that a number of local residents, who had formerly lived in Zimbabwe, joined them to enjoy Peter's illustrated account of a steam safari he and his wife undertook there in 1994. While his audience all enjoyed viewing the superb photographs of the African countryside and the magnificent British built steam engines; praise also went to Sarah, Peter's long-suffering wife, who endured a certain degree of discomfort and had to exercise endless patience waiting while her husband, and fellow steam fanatics, located just the right place for a photograph. Often the train was reversed some distance and then steamed forward again to provide authentic smoke and motion shots.

The Confessions of a Pantomime Dame was the title of an hilarious talk given by Richard Westcott on 7th May when members from all the WIs in the immediate area got together for a jolly evening hosted by Edge WI. An excellent meal, good company and an amusing speaker combined to make a most enjoyable evening. Our thanks go to the ladies of Edge WI for all their hard work.

On Tuesday 23rd June, local resident Trevor Radway is going to talk on Early Postal Services in Painswick so ladies do come and join us at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall (£2.70) and discover how letters got delivered then.

Celia Lougher

Butt Green - No Cold Calling Zone

Following information and advice from Rick Pellatt, the local Crime Reduction Advisor and Neighbourhood Watch Field Officer, Butt Green residents, when canvassed, were unanimous in wanting the road to be officially designated a No Cold calling Zone, which prohibits doorstep sellers calling without a prior invitation.

Cold calling is a legitimate method of trading though many find it annoying and an invasion of privacy. It is also used by criminals and the police and Crimestoppers support the No Cold Calling Zone. Signage is supplied at no cost, together with very useful explanatory leaflets for each household.

For more information. Especially if you would like your area to be designated a No Cold Calling Zone, talk to your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator or contact Rick Pellatt 01452 335623 ricky.pellatt@gloucestershire.police.uk

Alan Hudson and Roy Welbourn



Pinafore!

The Painswick Singers will be staging a choral version of Gilbert and Sullivan's HMS Pinafore at our autumn concert in October.

We are a friendly local choir under a professional conductor, Brian Etheridge (who hardly ever uses a big, big D) and we welcome all voices, weak or strong, high or low, to join us. No audition is necessary - you'll be amazed what we can do when we all get together!

Rehearsals are Mondays at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Rooms, Painswick, beginning 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd June. If you have any enquiries please call John Dickinson on 812965.

BEACO-DOKU

Derived from Sudoku, Beaco-doku replaces the numbers with letters. Last month's answer used the letters from FLOWER - as you can see, bottom right.

This month, as the song goes, June is **bustin'** out all over! So, see if you can fill the blank squares in the grid on the right so that each column, each row and each block of six squares contains each of the six letters, B-U-S-T-I-N, without repetition.

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ArchiTecs

Did you identify the 'exceptionally rare bird' last month? The Golden Cockerel, *spirus atopus*, visible from end to end of the Painswick valley (also an opera by Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov first performed exactly 100 years ago)

and here (left) spotted from the Town Hall car park.

For this month you must first decide whether a cat is sitting atop this local stone on the right; it will help you to decide its whereabouts.



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Vandals hit local traders

Painswick traders are working hard to make a success of their businesses and make Painswick an attractive venue for visitors. It is, therefore, disturbing to know that their efforts to raise awareness of their presence in the village is to some degree being thwarted by what has to be described as undercover destructive behaviour.



Shelagh Hulme of the Royal Oak and Ximena Nunez of Olivas

One of the A-boards, that advertising The Royal Oak, standing near the war memorial has on more than one occasion been thrown over the wall and eventually broken. Two of the others standing there have also been tampered with and one of them broken. Similarly, the boards standing at the top of Bisley Street have frequently been rendered ineffective, particularly the one belonging to The Royal Oak.

More recent developments include the removal of the boards standing outside the door of the pub and the removal of flower and plant displays from outside Olivas. Although they were all recovered later, discovered in the back of a van which had been left unlocked, this is, of course, a very serious matter as it constitutes theft, in addition to the damage to property already described. The owner of the van was not involved and was shocked to find the items.

These surreptitious activities are causing great distress to those concerned ie the proprietors of the businesses and are incurring costs for the renewal of stolen/vandalised property which should not be necessary. The belief is that they are not simply mischievous pranks but are planned and targeted. As such, they are being taken very seriously and are now in the hands of the police.

All of our traders are affected by such underhand behaviour and on 11th June Shelagh Hume will be discussing the whole issue of street advertising with the Parish Council.

Carol Maxwell

Friday Club floral feast

Katherine Kear will present a "Feast of Flower Arranging" on 26th June at 2.30pm in the Town Hall, Painswick. Tickets £10.00 from 812427 or 812344 or Patchwork Mouse, in aid of The Friday Club.

Anne Smith

PROPERTY REPORT for May from Hamptons

With demand from new buyers strengthening, the chances of selling your property now are three times greater than a year ago. We often see in the housing market that whatever is reported in the national press seems to be two or three months behind what is actually happening: 2009 is no different. With twelve consecutive weeks of good sales we are only just beginning to see positive reports coming out in the papers confirming the return of confidence.

In April we saw a change in the law regarding HIPS whereby you now have to have a completed pack before you market your property. Initially there were reports that this would delay marketing by up to 6 weeks whereas in fact our HIPS provider is producing them within around seven days. Therefore during this period we would organise the floor plans, photos and brochure so in fact there is little difference to how we launched a property previously. The major change involves the inclusion of the PIQ (Property Information Questionnaire) which involves a number of questions about works done to your house, flooding history, heating type etc, which is very straightforward but is very useful for a buyer to know. If you are thinking of selling or would like an update market appraisal, please call us on 812354. Don't forget Hamptons properties are marketed on the two largest property portals Rightmove (the leading countryside portal) and Primelocation, which ensures your property is viewed by thousands of buyers every day.

New Instructions. The Vatch: Knapp House - a historic farmhouse with 15 acres and magnificent views over the Slad valley, Minsterworth: Severn Bank - a ten bedroom Victorian house in 8 acres, Painswick: Sunnycroft - a detached house tucked away in Hollyhock lane with garage and garden, Phoenix cottage - a three bed house requiring full modernisation, Autumn Cottage - a charming two bedroom period cottage, Colethrop: The Old Bakehouse - a four bedroom family house in an acre of gardens.

Sold. Ashleigh in Painswick and 1 Hambutts Mead, Timbercombe in Sheepscombe, Monterosso in Pitchcombe.

Under offer. Rockleigh in Kingsmill Lane, Double Gates in Edge Lane, Scrubs Bottom in the Scrubs, Slad Valley House, Slad, The Crossings, Longridge, Mardens in Upton St Leonards and Colethrop Court Farm Cottage.

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DASH for toilets!

Having had a pause during May for Christian Aid Week, we are once again appealing for practical help for Marah, the charity which helps the homeless and people with special needs in Stroud and its Painswick offshoot, DASH (Delivering Aid to Stroud Homeless).

In addition to the on-going request for single sheets, squeeze bottles of tomato ketchup, brown sauce and salad cream, tea bags, sugar and Fairy Liquid, we are appealing this month particularly for toiletries. If you can give a bar of soap, a bottle of shampoo or shower gel, a flannel or a toothbrush and some toothpaste, it will be very welcome. There are collection boxes in the churches on Sundays (see your individual church for details) and, throughout the week, at Murrays Estate Agents and the Royal Oak.

Anything you can give, even a single toothbrush, is gratefully received and passed on. On the few occasions when we are overwhelmed by the response or the goods given are not suitable for Marah's particular clientele, we have taken the liberty of passing these items to other charities working with people in need in Gloucester. Once again, your generosity is much appreciated.

Alison Robinson

The Painswick Beacon detailed as far as space permits

JUNE

Sat	6	"Cider with Rosie" Art Exhibition (<i>and Sunday 7th</i>)	Town Hall	10.30 am - 5.00pm.
Mon	8	Yoga (Mondays) contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 to 8.00pm & 8.15
Tue	9	Dog Training Club (Tuesdays) Chi Kung (Qigong) classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class Tai Chi classes - Tuesdays - £6 p.p. per class	Christ Church Hall Town Hall Town Hall	9.30 to 12.00noon 7.00pm 8.00pm
Wed	10	Yoga (Wednesdays) contact Kim 812623 Bingo: Wednesdays - Tel. Ann, 813911/Liz, 813139	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall Painswick Centre	9.30 to 11.00am 7.30 to 10.00pm
Thu	11	Yoga - All Abilities (Thursdays) Cotswold Room 812623 T'ai Chi: Thursdays - Contact 01452 813072 Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners - Thursdays Experienced beginners - Thursdays Tea Dance	Painswick Centre Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall Church Rooms	9.30 to 11.00am 9.30am 12.00 to 1.00pm 12.30 to 1.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	12	Country Market - Coffee available - Every Friday Bird Club Field Trip to Mendip Hills & Avalon Marshes. Tel: 813094 or 813823 Beetle Drive in aid of community work in Fiji. Tickets £5 from Benefice Office (814795 or Joanna L-H 814133) YIPPIES (Young Painswick Players) production "The Wizard of Oz"	Town Hall Church Rooms Painswick Centre	10.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm
Sat	13	YIPPIES (Young Painswick Players) production "The Wizard of Oz" Stroud Choral Society Concert: Vivaldi in Venice. Tickets £10 from Sub. Rooms, or Stewart Price 814241	Painswick Centre Sub. Rooms, Stroud	5.00pm 7.30pm
Sun	14	Teddy Bear Parachuting in aid of Lideta, Ethiopia CAB Open Garden	St Mary's Churchyard Lamas Park Minchinhampton	12.00noon 2.00 to 6.00pm
Tue	16	Local History Society - AGM Painswick Players play reading: <i>Confusions</i>	Croft School Painswick Centre: Green Rm	7.30pm 7.30pm
Wed	17	Probus: Bonaparte's Disaster 1812 - John Falcon Women's Fellowship: Scrap Booking Painswick Parish Council Meeting	Shires Room, Falcon Christ Church Hall Town Hall	10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	18	Tea Dance	Church Rooms	2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	19	Friday Club: Life on the Roof of the World - John Aldis	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	20	Copy deadline for July Beacon		
Tue	23	Yew Trees W.I.: Early Postal Services in Painswick Painswick Players "What's next?" open meeting	Town Hall Painswick Centre: Green Rm	7.30pm 7.30pm
Thu	25	Horticultural Soc - Royal Natl Rose Soc Garden, St Albans Tea Dance	Stamages Car Park Painswick Centre	9.00am 2.30 to 4.30pm
Fri	26	Fundraising Flower Demonstration with Katherine Kear. Tickets £10	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	27	Local History Exhibition also Sunday 28th Children's Art Exhibition Country Studio Exhibition	Town Hall (lower room) Town Hall (upper room) Library Room/ Church Room	10.00am to 5.00pm
Sun	28	Croft School Summer Fayre Red Cross Open Gardens: 5 gardens open in Kingsmill Lane, Stepping Stone Lane and Cotswold Mead	Croft School Painswick	2.00pm 2.00 to 6.00pm

JULY

Wed	1	Probus: A Visit to the Web - Glynn Nixon	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Thu	2	Cotswold Care Support Group Tea Dance	Ashwell House Church Rooms	2.30pm 2.30 to 4.30pm
Sat	4	July Issue of The Painswick Beacon published		
Thu	9	Tea Dance (Last of the season - re-start in September) Victorian Ball Workshop	Painswick Centre Painswick Centre	2.30 to 4.30pm 7.30 to 9.30pm
Fri	10	Friday Club Outing to Weston Super Mare		
Sat	11	Painswick Companion Dog Show and Charity Fun Day Victorian Costume Ball: for info. Tel: 01453 883150	Recreation Field Painswick Centre	11.00am 8.00 to 11.30pm
Wed	15	Probus: I K Brunel - Links of Iron; Eric Williams Women's Fellowship BBQ at The Latchetts	Shires Room, Falcon Kingsmead	10.00am 7.00pm
Sat	17	Victorian Costume Ball - Tea Dancing	Painswick Centre	
Wed	22	Horticultural Society Outing to Royal Botanic Garden, Kew Probus: Ladies Summer Luncheon	Stamages Car Park The Hill, Stroud	9.00am
Fri	24	Friday Club Presidents Day: Talk by Pat Daly followed by Afternoon Tea	Town Hall	2.30pm
Tue	28	Razzamatuzz Robots (also Wed. 29th & Thur. 30th) Yew Trees W.I.: Hatching a Novel - Jane Bayley	Croft School Town Hall	10.00am to 12.00noon 7.30pm



AUGUST

Tue	4	Exhibition of Paintings, Textiles & Photographs by Gill Allen, Shirley Roe and Mary Ramsell. Daily until Sat 8th	Auditorium, Richmond Village	10.00am to 4.00pm
Wed	19	Horticultural Society Outing to RHS Gardens - Wisley, Surrey	Stamages Car Park	9.00am

SEPTEMBER

Wed	9	Probus: Schubert - the young genius: Anne Dunn	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	11	Friday Club: Orchard Flower Craft with Yvonne Mort	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	12	Horticultural Society Annual Show Concert by The Capella Singers in aid of Pitchcombe and Harescombe Church Funds	Painswick Centre Pitchcombe Church	2.30 to 5.30pm 7.30pm
Tue	22	Yew Trees W.I.: Wild Flowers of Cyprus	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	23	Probus: Pioneer Emigrants to South Australia - Neil Curven	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	25	Friday Club: Bletchley Park - Kitty Floyd-Smithies	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sun	27	Harvest Lunch	Painswick Centre	

OCTOBER

Wed	7	Probus: The Archers at Poitiers 1356 - Ian Shapter	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	9	Friday Club: "Mazes & Labyrinths" - Angela Newing	Town Hall	2.30pm
Sat	10	Friday Club Coffee Morning	Town Hall	10.00am
Tue	13	Bird Club: The Wildlife & Beauty of Working Quarries - David Boag	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	14	Horticultural Society: Autumn colour & Interest in the garden	Town Hall	7.30pm
Wed	21	Probus: The History of Cheltenham - Susan Newton	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	23	Friday Club Outing to The Cotswold Perfumery, Bourton on the Water		
Tue	27	Yew Trees W.I.: Nature in Art - Simon Trapnell	Town Hall	7.30pm
Sat	31	Halloween Haunted Walk	Painswick Centre	7.00pm

NOVEMBER

Wed	4	Probus: Growing up in Norway during the German occupation - Tore Fauske	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	6	Friday Club: Guests of Richmond Painswick	Richmond Painswick	2.30pm
Wed	11	Bird Club: A Calendar of British Wildlife - Andy Purcell	Town Hall	7.30pm
Fri	13	Kids' Winter Ball (enquiries to 814022)	Painswick Centre	6.30 for 7.00pm
Sat	14	Winter Dance (enquiries to 814022)	Painswick Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed	18	Probus: Evolutionary Pessimisms - HG and Other Wells - Roger Hennessey	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	20	Friday Club AGM followed by "Handbell Ringing" with Steve Colman	Town Hall	1.45pm (AGM)
Tue	24	Yew Trees W.I.: Annual Meeting and Talk on Traidcraft	Town Hall	7.30pm

DECEMBER

Wed	2	Probus: The Archers at Agincourt - Ian Shapter	Shires Room, Falcon	10.00am
Fri	4	Friday Club Outing to Bath Christmas Market Salvation Army Brass Band Seasonal Concert	Painswick Centre	7.30pm
Wed	9	Probus: Christmas Dinner	The Hill, Stroud	
Tue	15	Yew Trees W.I.: Christmas Gathering	Town Hall	7.30pm

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PLANNING MATTERS A summary of information from the Parish Council

NEW APPLICATIONS

4 SPRING COTTAGES, THE VATCH, SLAD WARD. Single storey extension to rear of dwelling to provide a larger kitchen.

BYWAYS, SLAD. Demolish existing single storey garage, erect new double garage. DRY KNAPPS FARM, EDGE ROAD. Demolition of existing extension, replace with 2 storey extension & internal alterations.

STOCKS COTTAGE, ST MARY'S STREET. Installation of a replacement suspended wooden floor.

BEACONSTONES, BEACON CLOSE. Proposed extension and alterations. ST MICHAEL'S, VICTORIA STREET. Conversion of attached former scout rooms and change of use to residential. Alterations and extensions, change of use of owners' accommodation to guest accommodation.

Land adjacent to MILLBROOK HOUSE, KINGS MILL LANE. Erect one dwelling. ST MICHAEL'S, VICTORIA STREET. Internal and external alterations.

OLD EBWORTH FARMHOUSE, THE CAMP. Internal and external alterations. RICHMOND VILLAGE CENTRE, STROUD ROAD. Erection of signage to entrance.

12 CANTON ACRE. Erection of an extension.

THE ANCHORAGE, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of extension and replacement double garage.

THE OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL, SLAD. Removal of condition 1 of permission S.08/0466/FUL

1 HAMBUTTS COTTAGES, EDGE ROAD. Extension at first floor level.

WOODY STEEPS, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Demolition of existing conservatory and garden room and erection of extensions. (Revised scheme following permission S.09/0306/FUL)

DAMSELLS MEWS. Enclosure of existing covered area to link to main dwelling with utility room and create boot room; refurbish utility room and instal two skylights.

CONSENT

BELLSTONE HOUSE, FRIDAY STREET. Erection of ground floor extension.

BEECHVIEW, FAR END, SHEEPSCOMBE. Erection of replacement dwelling.

WOODY STEEPS, LOWER WASHWELL LANE. Extensions and alterations.

DIAL TRYST, VICARAGE STREET. Installation of glazed doors in rear wall and internal alterations.

8 BROOKHOUSE MILL, GREENHOUSE LANE. Erection of single storey entry level ground floor extension to side elevation.

BACK EDGE HALL, BACK EDGE LANE, EDGE. Replace existing entrance gate and stone walls.

REFUSAL

COTSWOLD HEIGHTS, CHELTENHAM ROAD. Erection of 1.4m metal railing.

The Shack


Have you read "The Shack"? Did you consider it to be a load of rubbish, or was it the most challenging book you have ever read?

If you would like to share your views with others, then please come to a Coffee Morning on Thursday June 18th, 10.30am in Christ Church Hall.

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Community Lunches

Thank you to all who have regularly supported the lunches as well as all the various groups and individuals who have acted as hosts. 2008/2009 has been challenging. Despite variable attendances and the affects of the severe winter weather, the monies raised amounted to £1,514.46, almost identical to 2007/2008. This has been divided between Christian Aid and the Ashwell Lunch Club.

We are saying goodbye and thank you to Arthur Lock, our treasurer for the past five years, but are pleased to welcome David Linsell who has agreed to replace him. We also welcome Claire Cook who has joined the committee.

The committee will be meeting later in the summer to decide which local charity to support for 2009/2010 and would be happy to receive any nominations for consideration.

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The Personal Column

Rachel Taylor and Jenny Gaugain

Engagement

Congratulations to SOPHIE ROBINSON and JULIEN, son of Baron and Baroness Jacques de Rosee of Nouvelles, Belgium, whose engagement was announced recently.

Weddings

Our best wishes to OWEN de WAELE PAGE and RACHEL SANDERSON whose wedding will take place at St John's Pitchcombe on June 20th;
and to ALASTAIR BRESSINGTON and RHIANNON HARRIS who are to be married at St James, Cranham on June 27th;
and also to JO BRAZIER of Gloucester Road and JOHN BEARD who were married at St Matthew's, Caincross on 6th May.

95th Birthday

Belated congratulations to DAVID MANNERING of Richmond, Painswick, who celebrated his 95th birthday on Easter Monday.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr & Mrs WELLS and children to Jubilate, Blakewell Mead from Finchley, North London.

Moving within Painswick

ANGELA NEWING is moving from Jubilate, Blakewell Mead.

Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to ROSE SMITH and DULCIE BROTHERTON, both of whom have been in hospital recently; and also to MICHAEL PICKIN and ARTHUR WESTWOOD, who have been unwell.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of GERARD EMRYS-ROBERTS, TED COWBURN, LINDA ROY, DICK SIMMONDS, PHILLIPPE MOULIN and JOANNA WEATHERHEAD (aged99) who have all died recently.

Personal messages

Rosie Smith would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards received during a recent stay in hospital. Also to all the very kind people for their get well wishes. Special thanks go to Jenny and Howard Jones for all their help.

Peggy Cowburn would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to her during Ted's illness. She has been greatly comforted by the support given to her.

David Mannering celebrated his 95th birthday on Easter Monday. To mark the occasion there was champagne at Richmond care village at lunchtime, followed by a birthday tea. The photo shows him with his great grandson, Finlay David Mannering, at a family celebration the previous Saturday.



Professor & Mrs Webb, residents of Richmond Painswick, were recently taking their daily walk to the bench at the roadside at the top of the site when Professor Webb suffered a fall down the bank. A kind person who was driving by came to their assistance with a blanket from their car which was used before help was summoned from the emergency services and Richmond staff. This was much appreciated as the rain came pouring down shortly afterwards. Professor & Mrs Webb would like to thank the "good neighbour" and like them to know that the blanket has been washed and is here at Richmond Painswick for collection!

The Revd, David Newell, having reached the age of 72 in February, is expected to retire as a non-stipendiary clergyman, but will be relieved of obligatory duties. He will, however, continue with some pastoral work, including Richmond and Ashwell Day Centre, and to take some funerals and wedding services.

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